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1. In October the Neptun shipyard at Rostock received a 1,000 hp. 620 RPM engine from the Dieselmotorenwerk Rostock; also an 800 hp. engine for a Soviet ship. A third engine has been delivered for a monopoli tug which is to be completed during the last quarter of 1953. However the engines as delivered do not conform to the specifications, due to mistakes in construction. The shaft speed of the engines did not conform to the orifice diameter of 960 mm. An intermediate transmission was put in which adjusted the shaft speed between 360 and 550 RPM, but it turned out that the repair bill was too great at heavy loads. On this account new engines are to be used in the 1954 building program. The Columbus-Propeller-Schmidt firm had undertaken to try to adjust the shaft speed of the six engines on hand, but the results were not satisfactory.
2. The 1954 building program includes four steam tugs, of which two will be built by the Havelberg shipyard and two larger ones by the Neptun yard. It is not yet certain however whether the drifter and seiner program will permit their construction.
3. A Soviet navy tug is at present under repair in the Neptun yard. It has damages to its vacuum pumps, and the entire engine installation is to be provided with auxiliary engines because the radiator heating coils are burned through. No heating coils are available as replacements.
4. A cargo of bolts and ship's plates arrived at Rostock by sea at the end of October. The Neptun yard probably is getting a large Soviet order.

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